

## **Mayor's Water Source Advisory Council Chartering Agreement**

### **Background**

The City of Lincoln is pursuing **Water Supply Development for Lincoln Water System – Phase 1**. The Project will determine an additional water supply source for the Lincoln Water System (LWS). A second water supply will enable Lincoln to continue to grow and provide resiliency against drought, natural disasters and other events that can impact source water supply capacity and quality.

Previous Facilities Master Plans (FMP) have recommended an additional source of water supply for the City of Lincoln based on projections of customer demand and supply capacity of the existing Platte River wellfields. The most recent FMP 2020 indicates that the wellfields will reach their full capacity in 2048 and an additional and resilient supply will be necessary. Securing additional water supplies from other sources and locations is a large and complex initiative requiring our community to begin this process well in advance of projected supply deficits.

The City will be consulting experts and a broad-based group of stakeholders to obtain feedback to help inform decisions about securing a second water supply. The Mayor's Advisory Council on Water Supply Development will reflect a broad range of individuals representing different stakeholder perspectives and the City as a whole. The Mayor's Advisory Council on Water Supply Development is anticipated to meet over the remainder of 2022 and provide a final report with recommendations to the City in January 2023. The City is then anticipated to make decisions on a path forward for Water Supply Development for Lincoln Water System – Phase 1 in the first part of 2023.

## Mayor's Water Source Advisory Council Representative Selection and Roster

Representatives were invited based on their diverse perspectives, areas of expertise, organizations, and representation of stakeholders across the City.

**Chair:** Susan Seacrest, founder, and former President of the Nebraska Groundwater Foundation

**Vice Chair:** Eliot Bostar, State Senator

**City Lead:** Liz Elliott, Director, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities

**Technical Assistance and Facilitation:** Olsson

**Members:**

- Andrew Dunkley, Director of State Governmental Relations, Nebraska Farm Bureau
- Anna Wishart, State Senator
- Brittney Albin, Lincoln Public Schools
- Chittaranjan Ray, UNL Professor and Director, Nebraska Water Center
- David Cary, Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Director
- Donna Garden, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Assistant Director/Utilities
- Glenn Johnson, former Lower Platte South Natural Resources District General Manager
- Holley Salmi, Vice President Public Affairs and Policy, State of Nebraska Chamber of Commerce
- Jeanne McClure, Executive Director, NE-American Council of Engineering Companies
- Jerry Obrist, former Lincoln Water System Division Manager
- Katie Wilson, Executive Director, NE-Associated General Contractors
- Kennon Meyer, Blankenau Wilmoth Jarecke LLP
- Lori Seibel, President/CEO Community Health Endowment
- Lynn Rex, Executive Director, Nebraska League of Municipalities
- Marc LeBaron, Lincoln Industries
- Martha Shulski, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Professor and Nebraska State Climatologist
- Michon Morrow, Lincoln Police Department
- Richard Meginnis, Lincoln City Council
- Sean Flowerday, Lancaster County Board
- TJ McDowell, Senior Advisor for Mayor's One Lincoln Initiative
- Todd Wiltgen, Public Policy Specialist, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
- Tom Beckius, Lincoln City Council
- Trish Owen, Lincoln Electric System (LES)
- Tut Kailech, Neighborworks

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Water Supply Development is to provide feedback and input to the City on criteria, alternatives and priorities for a second water supply that will enable Lincoln to continue to grow and provide resiliency against drought, natural disasters and other events that can impact source water supply capacity and quality.

## **Advisory Council Meeting Process**

- The Advisory Council deliberation process is collaborative problem solving.
- All perspectives are valued, and alternative perspectives will be documented.
- The Chair with the assistance of Olsson, the consultant hired to provide technical and facilitation support, will administer the meetings.
- In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will administer the meetings with the assistance of Olsson.
- Meeting discussions may be audio taped to aid in the preparation of meeting summaries.

## **Meeting Attendance**

In order for the process to work effectively, full participation of Advisory Council members will be essential. Advisory Council members are asked to commit to attend meetings consistently and are asked to not miss more than one meeting. A complete meeting schedule will be provided up-front, with meetings held monthly on the third Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Offices, 1128 Lincoln Mall. Breaks and meals will be provided during each four (4)-hour meeting. If an Advisory Council member becomes unavailable to continue to attend meetings, they should inform the Chair and may suggest an alternate for appointment as their replacement. If accepted by the Chair, the alternate will need to be briefed by staff regarding the status of prior discussions and decisions.

## **Meeting Agendas**

Advisory Council participation in establishment of agendas and matters of discussion will be encouraged. LWS staff and the facilitator will be responsible for preparing the agendas in collaboration with the Advisory Council Chair and members. At the conclusion of each meeting, staff and Advisory Council members may suggest items for inclusion in the next agenda and any action items requiring additional research. In cases where inclusion of items on an agenda is not consistent with the effort to keep the process moving forward, staff will provide a plan to vet the suggested items.

## Public Meetings

The meetings are public; however, Advisory Council members are asked to refrain from making public statements about the Advisory Council's deliberations to the media. Members of the public will have the opportunity to give public comment during each meeting. Every Advisory Council member is asked to report back to his or her respective constituency to keep them aware of the Advisory Council's discussions and developing input. LWS staff and Olsson will be available to assist in this communication process, if desired. The City will be responsible for communication efforts related to second source water supply development and the Advisory Council's work.

## Information For Advisory Council

To ensure that all Advisory Council members have the same information available to them, all documents will be distributed through the established point of contact for the Mayor's Advisory Council on Water Supply Development. Advisory Council members are asked to provide any materials five (5) business days prior to the meeting, whenever possible, for distribution to the Advisory Council at least three (3) days before the next meeting.

## Topics

- (1) Activity: LWS Infrastructure Tour (June 28, 2022)
- (2) Meeting: Framework Planning – Evaluation Criteria, Scoring Approach, Framework Development (July 19, 2022)
- (3) Meeting: Feasibility Screening – Alternate Development, Initial Technical Evaluation (August 16, 2022)
- (4) Meeting: Coarse Screening – Environmental Impact, System Impact, Life Cycle Cost Analysis (September 20, 2022)
- (5) Meeting: Fine Screening – Governance Development, Financial and Economic Impacts, Procurement Recommendations (October 18, 2022)
- (6) Meeting: Final Review – Technical and Financial Refinements, Preliminary Recommendations (November 15, 2022)
- (7) Meeting: Flex Date if Needed (December 20, 2022)
- (8) Meeting: Final Recommendations (January 17, 2023)